

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Examiner rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,091,518 by Anabuki.

A color image transfer apparatus in Anabuki includes a WWW server storing images, a profile server storing profiles defining color spaces of the images, and a WWW browser. The WWW browser receives an image from the WWW server and a profile from the profile server and performs color correction using the image and the profile. (Anabuki, Fig. 1, block 35; Fig. 4; col. 9, lines 13-28.) The profile in Anabuki is required for color correction of an image. (Anabuki, col. 9, lines 25-28.) Anabuki further discloses a cache storage *technique*, where the WWW browser includes *a cache to store profiles* previously received from the profile server. (Anabuki, col. 10, lines 36-37.) Thus, the cache disclosed in Anabuki does not store color corrected images. Therefore, Anabuki does not disclose or suggest “**a cache of color corrected images**, each image corrected according to one of a finite number of sets of image display characteristics,” as recited in claim 1. Similarly, Anabuki does not disclose or suggest “**a caching server** to receive an image request from the client computer and connected to the cache **to select a color corrected image from the cache** in response to the request,” as recited in claim 1.

Further, Anabuki discloses a determination section in a the WWW browser that searches a cache configured to store profiles and, *if the desired profile is not stored in the cache*, a request is made to the corresponding server *to send the profile* through the

network. (Anabuki, col. 10, lines 32-42.) Anabuki does not disclose or suggest “a **color server** connected to the caching server to receive the image request and to **select an image in response to the request when the caching server cannot select an image from the cache in response to the request,**” as recited in claim 1. Because Anabuki fails to disclose or suggest each and every element of claim 1, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable and should be allowed.

Claim 16 recites “**selecting a color corrected image from a cache of color corrected images** in response to the request, each image in the cache corrected according to one of a finite number of sets of image display characteristics; and forwarding the image request to a color server to select an image in response to the request when an image cannot be selected from the cache in response to the request.” Thus, claim 16 and its dependent claims are patentable and should be allowed for at least the reasons articulated with respect to claim 1.


Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Elena Dreszer at (408) 947-8200.

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